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Microsoft Settlement
U.S. Department of Justice-Antitrust Division
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Dear Microsoft Settlement:

The Microsoft trial squandered taxpayers' dollars, was a nuisance to consumers, and a serious deterrent to investors in the high-tech industry. It is high time for this trial, and the wasteful spending accompanying it, to be over. Consumers will indeed see competition in the marketplace, rather than the courtroom. And the investors who propel our economy can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Upwards of 60% of Americans thought the federal government should not have broken up Microsoft. If the case is finally over, companies like Microsoft can get back into the business of innovating and creating better products for consumers, and not wasting valuable resources on litigation.

Competition means creating better goods and offering superior services to consumers. With government out of the business of stifling progress and tying the hands of corporations, consumers - rather than bureaucrats and judges - will once again pick the winners and losers on Wall Street. With the reins off the high-tech industry, more entrepreneurs will be encouraged to create new and competitive products and technologies. **If Mountain Bell would have not been broken up in the early 80's and been allowed to maintain its status as a monopoly and not had resulted in the breakup it did (I would probably not have been disabled from my job after 19 years, many would not have been laid off or fired or replaced by temporary workers); as in the old bumper sticker which read: ONE SYSTEM...IT WORKS...there would be more cooperation among every employee, every customer, every manager, every CEO in EVERY company...encouraging teamwork and mass production on a National and Global level...as well AS JOB SECURITY and SENIORITY & LOYALTY, and EVERY POSITION in and to a company would STILL mean something substantial!!! Thank you for this opportunity to share my views. Miss Anina Christine Berthold Mt Bell, US

West Direct (Aug 1973 to Sept 1992) PS Besides that...I do NOT want my service with webtv (through MSN TV Service) to udergo any more changes than it already has!

Sincerely,

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